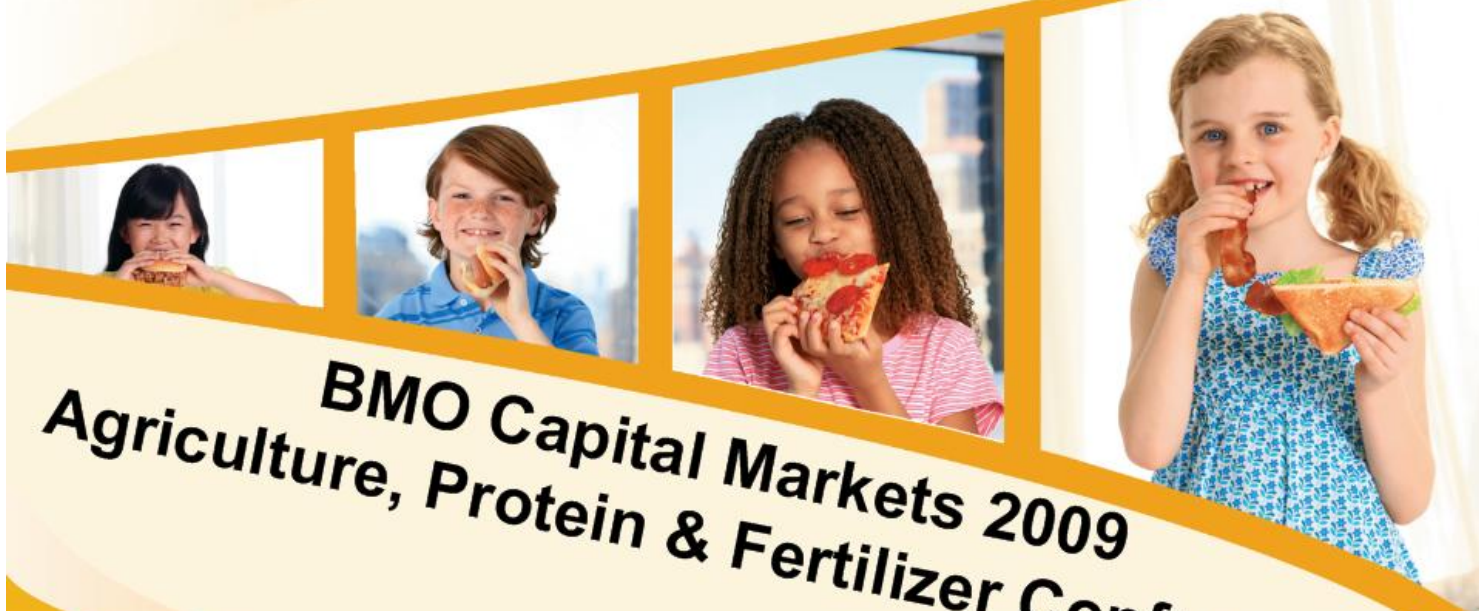


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Agenda

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2. What we have been doing
3. Pork Group restructuring plan
4. Covenants, liquidity and refinancing
5. Bottom line
6. Appendix - Who we are & Exports

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A(H1N1) influenza “swine flu” update

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Swine Flu “Tip” What Not To Do



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A(H1N1) Influenza Chronology

April 23-26

News of a new flu in Mexico

Media and blogs speculate on possible link between flu and Smithfield joint venture in Veracruz

April 27-May 1

Smithfield sends team to Mexico

Various worldwide health organizations proclaim "Pork Is Safe To Eat"

Smithfield submits samples from Veracruz farm for genetic sequence analysis

May 4-8

Smithfield sends additional team with outside experts to Mexico

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A(H1N1) Influenza - Pork Is Safe To Eat

- A(H1N1) is not a foodborne illness - pork and pork products are safe
- No evidence of A(H1N1) influenza in Smithfield's swine herds or employees worldwide
- Smithfield continues rigorous biosecurity practices

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Mexico

- No clinical signs or symptoms of A(H1N1) influenza in joint ventures in Mexico
- Voluntarily submitted samples for genetic sequence analysis to confirm the absence of A(H1N1) influenza



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A(H1N1) Impact on Demand

Week of April 27

Domestic retail pork sales initially down nearly 10 percent

Hog prices sharply declined

China and Russia have imposed export restrictions and demand from Mexico has weakened

Week of May 4

Pork demand is recovering and packaged meats margins remain robust

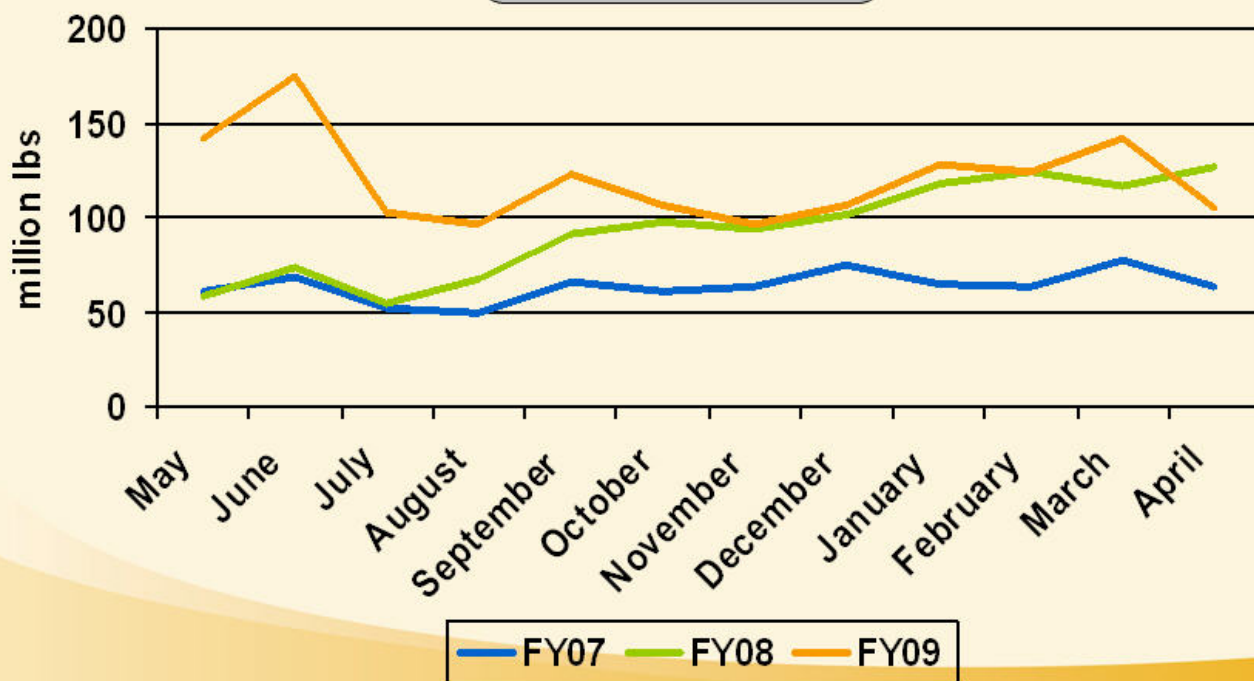
Markets are correcting as seasonal hog supplies tighten

Restrictions are easing and demand from Mexico is improving

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Smithfield Fresh Pork Exports

Smithfield fresh pork exports continue at near year ago levels



Note: January FY2009 five weeks versus January FY2008 and January FY2007 four weeks

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Strategies for Today and Tomorrow

Past

Growth through acquisitions

Turnarounds with minimal corporate restructuring

Today and Tomorrow

Focus on synergy, efficiency, ROIC and margins

Deleverage balance sheet, manage liquidity and capital expenditures

Restructure Pork Group for higher performance

Shed non-core or under-performing businesses

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Proactively Managing the Business

<u>Date</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Impact</u>
February 2008	Initial Five Percent Reduction of Smithfield U.S. Sow Herd	Reduction of 50,000 sows and production of one million fewer market hogs annually by fiscal 2010
April 2008	Senior Management Changes	Strengthened overall management team to improve operations and financial performance
July 2008	\$400 Million Convertible Senior Notes Due 2013	Replaced bridge loans with permanent financing

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Proactively Managing the Business

<u>Date</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Impact</u>
July 2008	Sale of 4.95 Percent of Shares to China's COFCO Limited	Improved liquidity and created long term relationship with one of China's leading trading companies
October 2008	Sale of Beef Processing and Cattle Feeding Operations to JBS	Significantly improved liquidity and refocused on core business
December 2008	Second Five Percent Reduction of Smithfield U.S. Sow Herd	Total reduction of 100,000 sows and production of two million fewer market hogs annually by fiscal 2010

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Proactively Managing the Business

<u>Date</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Impact</u>
December 2008	Merger of Campofrío and Groupe Smithfield	Formed leading European packaged meats company and monetized joint venture into publicly-traded company
February 2009	Successfully Negotiated New Covenant Amendments	Improved financial stability through bottom of hog cycle
February 2009	Pork Group Restructuring	\$125 million in estimated annual EBT improvement by fiscal 2011

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Pork Group restructuring plan

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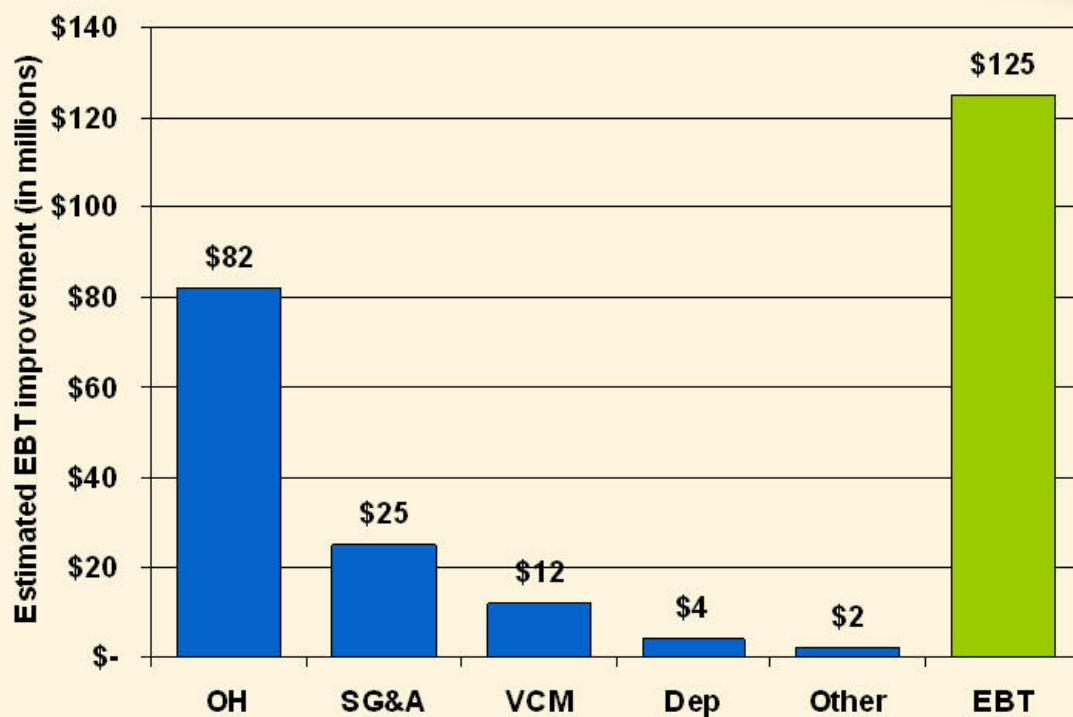
Pork Group Restructuring Plan

- Streamline Pork Group structure by reorganizing management team under George Richter
- Consolidate seven IOC's into three and close six processing plants
- Merge three fresh pork sales organizations into two and consolidate three overseas export teams into one to improve efficiency and reduce SG&A
- Consolidate manufacturing platform to improve margins and lower costs by increasing plant utilization from 81 percent to 87 percent

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Improvement from Restructuring

Restructuring will result in EBT improvement by reducing overhead, SG&A, and variable manufacturing costs



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EBT Impact from Restructuring

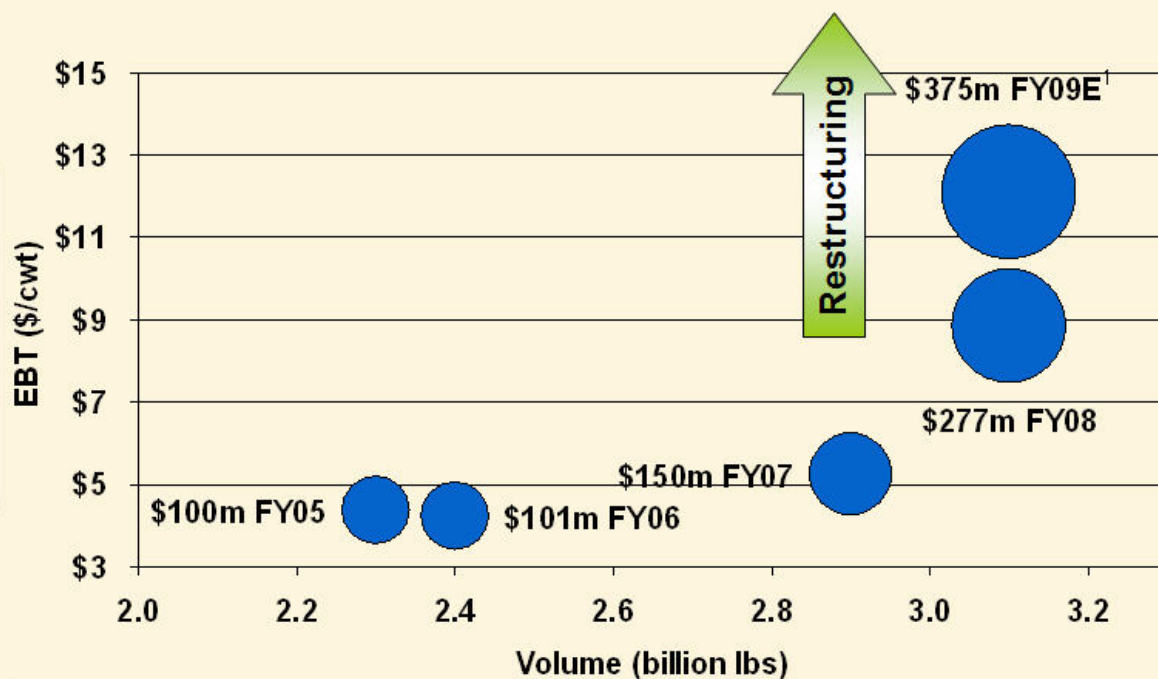
(in millions)	<u>FY09Q3</u>	<u>FY09Q4</u> ¹	<u>FY10</u> ¹	<u>FY11</u> ¹	<u>Total</u> ¹
Plant consolidation capital requirements	-	\$3	\$50	-	\$53
One-time expenses	\$12	\$2	\$27	-	\$41
Non-cash asset write-off	\$73	\$1	-	-	\$74
EBT Improvements	-	-	\$55	\$125	

¹ Estimated

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Packaged Meats Margin Growth

Smithfield estimates \$80 million in annual EBT improvement in packaged meats as a result of restructuring



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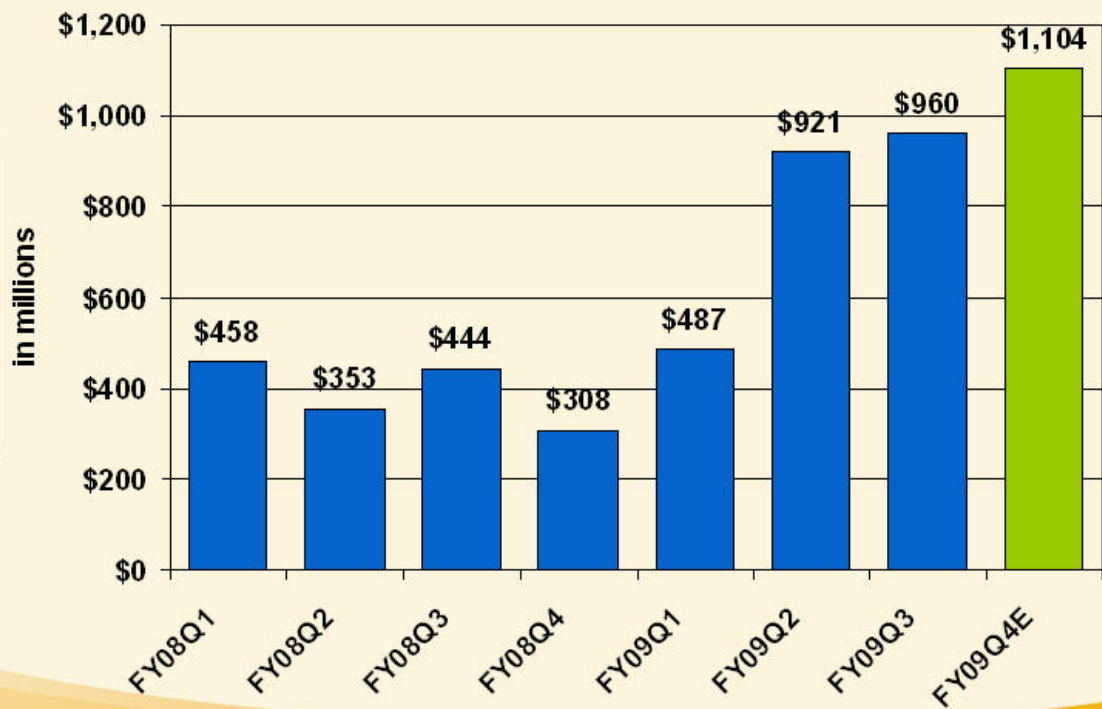
¹ Before restructuring charges

Covenants, liquidity and refinancing

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Improved Liquidity

Smithfield continues to improve liquidity and reduce debt by \$1 billion since the fourth quarter of fiscal 2008



¹ Estimated

Note: Amounts reflect unused borrowing capacity at quarter end and do not include cash balances reflected on balance sheet

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New Covenant Amendments in Place

- Interest coverage covenant

FY09 3Q	1.6:1 versus 2.4:1 actual
FY09 4Q	1.2:1
FY10 1Q	1.35:1
FY10 2Q	1.35:1
FY10 3Q	2.0:1
FY10 4Q to maturity	3.0:1

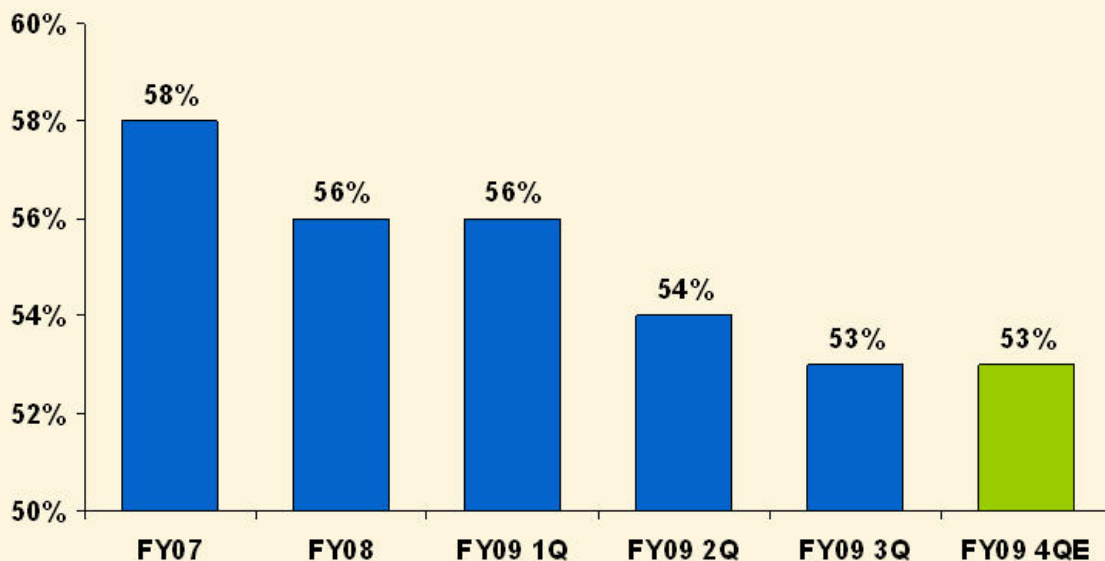
- Estimated increase in annual interest expense of \$20 -25 million and amendment fees of \$12 million

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Debt to Total Capitalization

•Reduced debt by \$900 million¹ since the fourth quarter of fiscal 2008

•Goal is to reduce debt to total capitalization to below 50%



¹ Estimated

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Covenant Update

- Smithfield expects to meet all FY09 Q4 covenants
- Projections show continued compliance for all of fiscal 2010
- Proactive discussion of refinancing ongoing

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Bottom Line

- Cautiously optimistic about impact of A(H1N1) influenza
- Already benefitting from Pork Group restructuring plan
- Continue to reduce debt, improve liquidity and strengthen the balance sheet
- Despite A(H1N1), market conditions appear to be moving in the right direction
- We believe that fiscal 2010 should be a better year than the current year

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Appendix - Who we are & Exports

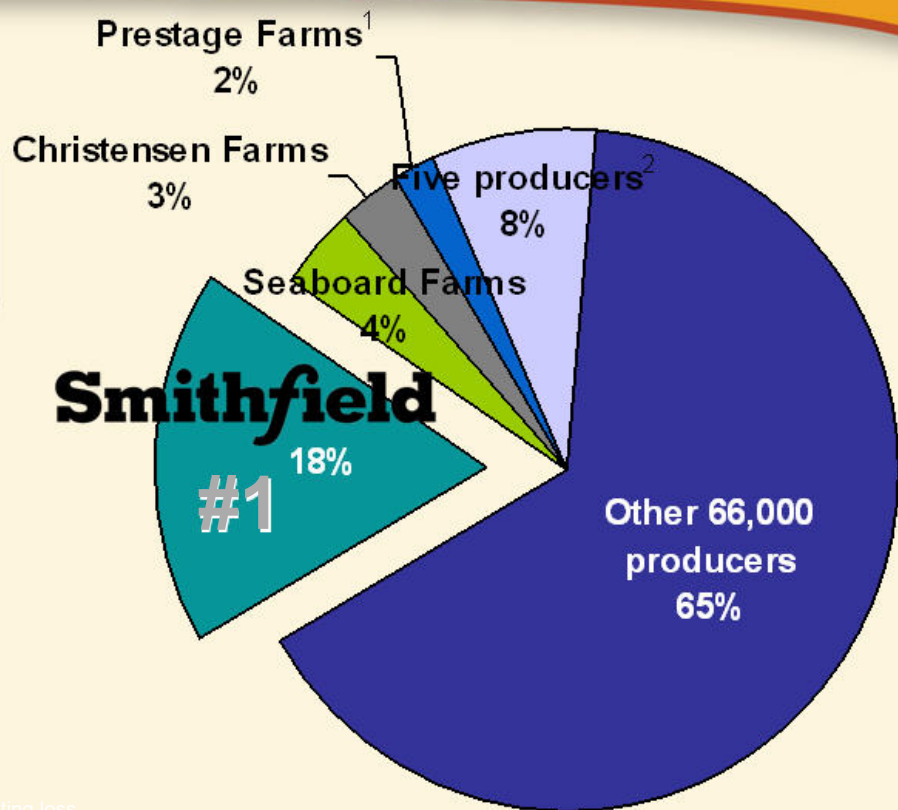
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Market Leader: Hog Production

Hog Production*
Sales: \$2.4 billion
Operating Loss:
\$(98.1) million

- World's largest hog producer
- Produced 19 million hogs domestically in FY08
- Produced 1.6 million hogs in Poland and Romania in FY08



*Note: Fiscal 2008 sales (before eliminations) and operating loss

Source: United States Industry Data Successful Farming

¹ The majority of hogs from Prestage Farms and Goldsboro Hog Farm are sold to Smithfield Foods, Inc. under long-term contract

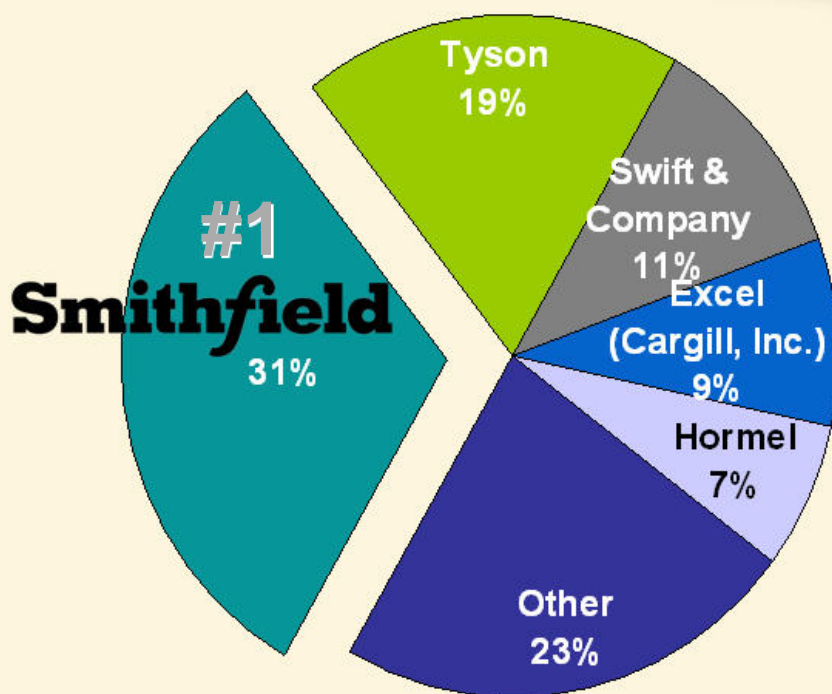
² Approximate market shares of Five Producers: Cargill=2%; Iowa Select Farms=2%; The Pipestone System=1%; Goldsboro Hog Farm=1%; The Hanor Company=1%; Total=8%

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Market Leader: Pork

Pork*
 Sales: \$9.6 billion
 Operating Profit:
 \$449.4 million

- World's largest pork processor
- Processed 31 million hogs in FY08
- Sold approximately 4.0 billion pounds of fresh pork in FY08
- Sold approximately 3.1 billion pounds of packaged meats in FY08



*Note: Fiscal 2008 sales (before eliminations) and operating profit
 Source: United States Industry Data Successful Farming

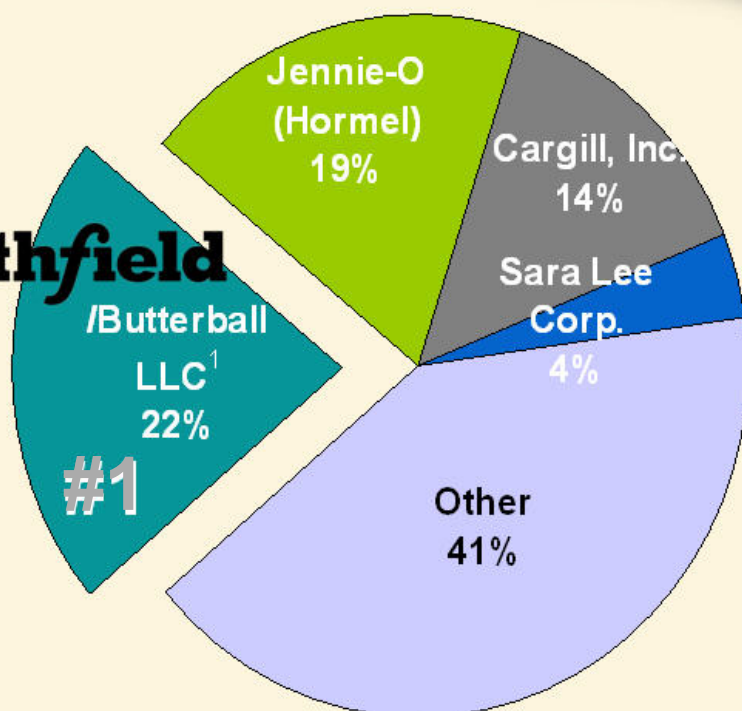
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Market Leader: Turkey Processing

Other Segment*
Sales: \$149 million
Operating Profit:
\$28.2 million

- Comprised of turkey production operations and Butterball joint venture
- Butterball is the largest turkey processor in the U.S.
- Butterball processed 54 million turkeys in FY08

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*Note: Fiscal 2008 sales (before eliminations) and operating profit
Source: United States Industry Data Successful Farming
¹ 49 percent-owned joint venture

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Market Leadership: International

International*

Sales: \$1.2 billion
Operating Profit:
\$76.9 million

- Subsidiaries in Poland, Romania and the United Kingdom
- 37% ownership of Campofrio Food Group (public company) with production facilities in Belgium, France, Italy, The Netherlands, Portugal and Spain
- Joint ventures or major investments in Mexico and China



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*Note: Fiscal 2008 sales (before eliminations) and operating profit

Campofrío Food Group - Dominant Brands

- Leading European packaged meats company, and one of the largest worldwide with sales of €2.1 billion¹
- Smithfield owns 37% of publicly-traded company
- Current market value of approximately \$340 million²
- #1 packaged meats market share in
 - France
 - Spain
 - The Netherlands
 - Belgium
 - Portugal

¹ Pro-forma combined figure as of December 2007

² Based on May 8, 2009 closing price

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International Situation Analysis

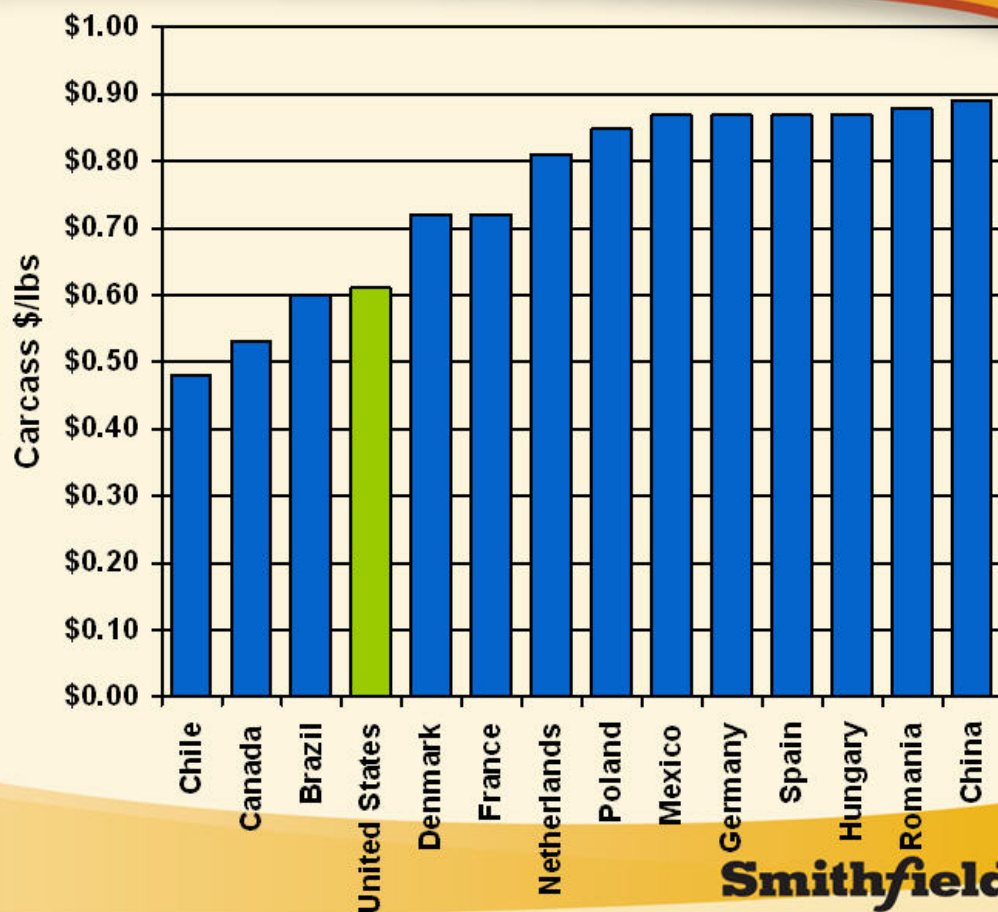
- Smithfield remains optimistic on exports
 - Pork production declining worldwide
 - Production in several major importing countries declining
 - Production in major exporting countries declining
 - U.S. pork prices are cheap

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World Pork Prices

U.S. pork prices are among the lowest on the worldwide market

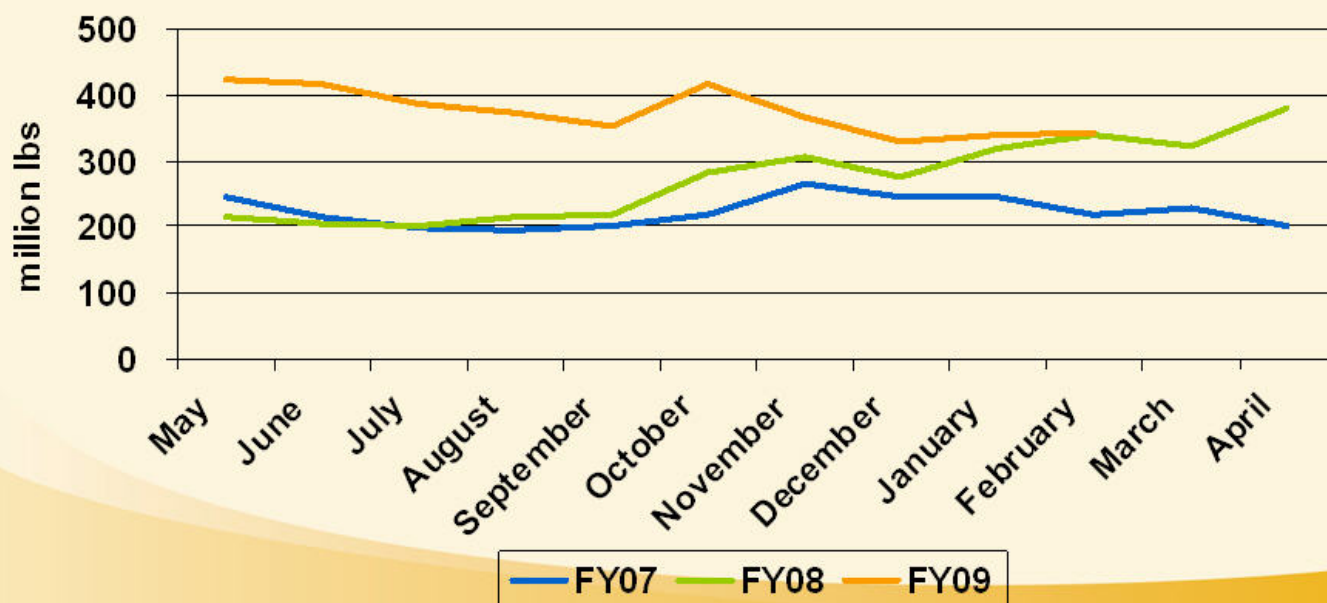


Note: Week ending April 25, 2009

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U.S. Monthly Pork Exports

U.S. exports of pork and pork variety meats continue to increase year over year



Source: USDA Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS)

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Top Ten Worldwide Pork Producers

- Top ten producing countries account for 93% of worldwide production
- With exception of China and Russia, world pork production is shrinking
- China is "officially" projecting a 3% increase, our estimate is no annual growth

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>2008 Production (billion lbs)</u>	<u>Projected change 2008 to 2009</u>
1	China/HK	96.6	0%
2	EU-27	49.2	-6%
3	United States	23.5	-4%
4	Brazil	6.7	-1%
5	Russian Federation	4.5	4%
6	Vietnam	4.1	-3%
7	Canada	4.1	-10%
8	Japan	2.7	-5%
9	Philippines	2.6	-5%
10	Mexico	2.5	-9%
	Other	14.9	0%
Total		211.4	-2%

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Source: USDA Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) and Smithfield internal estimates

Top Five Worldwide Pork Importers

- Top five pork importers account for 70% of all international pork trade
- Imports account for a substantial portion of domestic consumption, except for China
- Three of the top five importers are experiencing reductions in domestic production

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>2008 Imports (billion lbs)</u>	<u>Imports % of Domestic Production</u>	<u>Projected Change in Domestic Production</u>
1	Japan	2.8	100%	-5%
2	Russian Federation	2.1	46%	4%
3	China/HK	1.9	2%	0%
4	Mexico	1.2	47%	-9%
5	Korea	1.0	43%	-2%
	Other	3.9	-	-
Total		12.9	-	-



Source: USDA Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) and Smithfield internal estimates

Top Five Worldwide Pork Exporters

•Top five pork exporters account for 95% of all international pork trade

•With exception of China, all exporters have shrinking domestic production

Rank	Country	2008 Exports (billion lbs)	Projected change 2008 to 2009
1	United States	5.3	-4%
2	EU-27	3.4	-6%
3	Canada	2.4	-10%
4	Brazil	1.5	-1%
5	China/HK	0.4	0%
	Other	0.7	-
Total		13.7	-

Source: USDA Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) and Smithfield internal estimates

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